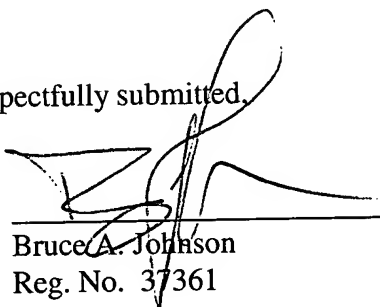


## **REMARKS**

Claims 20-24 have been canceled to eliminate the requirement for excess claims fees. A second Preliminary Amendment will follow this continuation application to submit new claims. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the subsequent Preliminary Amendment when examining this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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